

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 4, please rewrite the first full paragraph as follows:

This application is a continuation of Application Ser. No. 09/908,841 filed on July 20, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,621,414, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to the following foreign application: Japanese Application No. 2000-259381, dated August 24, 2000, the disclosure of both of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 2, line 16, please replace "Summary of the Invention" with "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION."

Page 3, line 10, please replace "Brief Description of the Drawings" with "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS."

Page 4, line 23, please replace "Description of the Preferred Embodiments" with "DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS."